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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

Docket No. B-6133PCT 623732-0

International Application No.:
PCT/JP2005/004844

Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US:
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International Filing Date:
11 March 2005

Title of Invention:
"ABSORBENT ARTICLE"

Priority Date Claimed:
16 March 2004

U.S. Application No.
(if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
NOT YET ASSIGNED

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. The U.S. Has been elected (Article 31).
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. is attached hereto.
 - b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet with check for \$40.00 in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. A preliminary amendment.
14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. A substitute specification.
16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT rule 13ter.2 and 37CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. Other items or information: Claim to Priority (1 page)

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21. [X] Basic national fee.....\$ 300.00 = \$ 300.00

22. [X] Examination fee

If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO

and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$ 100.00

All other situations..... \$ 200.00 = \$ 200.00

23. [X] Search fee

Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international

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100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing
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50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.

Total Sheets Extra sheets # of each additional 50 RATE
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27 - 100 = _____ /50 = _____ x \$250.00 \$ _____

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than
30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). \$ _____

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE
Total claims	<u>4</u> - 20 =	<u>0</u>	x \$50.00 \$ 0
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3 =	<u>0</u>	x \$200.00 \$ 0

MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$360.00 \$ _____
[] Amendment deleting multiple dependencies enclosed

TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$900.00 _____

[] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. (50% of above) \$ _____
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TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$900.00 _____

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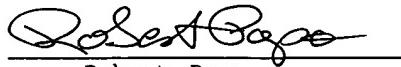
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- check no. 21922 for \$900.00
- Transmittal Letter (2 pages)
- Preliminary Amendment (3 pages)
- copy of English-language translation of PCT International Application as filed consisting of:
 - Specification (17 pages)
 - Claims (1 pages)
 - Abstract (1 page)
 - 8 sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1-8)
- Declaration/Power of Attorney (4 pages)
- Claim to Priority (1 page)
- Assignment document (3 pages) with Cover Sheet (1 page), and Check no. 21923 for \$40.00

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